

## CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

**Title of publication:** susan steel horse6.jpg

**Other known title(s):** Not stated

**OFLC ref:** 1800159.007

**Medium:** Computer Image File

**Publisher:** Not stated

**Country of origin:** Not stated

**Language:** Not applicable

**Applicant:** Invercargill District Court

**Classification:** Objectionable.

**Descriptive note:** None

**Display conditions:** None

**Date of entry in Register:** 09 May 2018

**Date of direction to issue a label:** No direction to issue a label has been issued

**Date of notice of decision:** No notice of decision has been issued

### Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file promotes and supports bestiality and is deemed to be objectionable. The image file depicts sexual acts involving a woman and a horse. The material has no other purpose than the sexual titillation and arousal of viewers. The depiction of bestiality as a pleasurable form of activity breaks down the taboos that surround the act and encourages experimentation with similar acts by making bestiality seem both possible and desirable. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's clear intention in s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The classification is a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support bestiality.